

**AMENDMENT TO H. R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA**

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON INTERAGENCY EFFORTS**  
2 **TO COUNTER GRAY ZONE OPERATIONS OF**  
3 **RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, AND NORTH KOREA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
5 seek to enter into an agreement with federally funded re-  
6 search and development center with relevant expertise to  
7 conduct an independent study of interagency efforts to  
8 counter gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and  
9 North Korea.

10 (b) MATTER TO BE INCLUDED.—The study described  
11 in subsection (a) should include the following:

12 (1) An analysis of the current definition of  
13 “gray zone activity” as defined in section 825 of the  
14 Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022  
15 (Public Law 117–103).

16 (2) A synopsis of the threat of gray zone oper-  
17 ations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, in-  
18 cluding a case study of such operations with respect  
19 to each such country.

1           (3) The results of relevant reports published by  
2           the Comptroller General of the United States.

3           (4) A review of current government functions,  
4           including interagency functions, designed to counter  
5           gray zone operations of such countries.

6           (5) A review of how such current government  
7           functions fit into the current National Security  
8           Strategy and all relevant strategy documents across  
9           the United States Government.

10          (6) Policy and legislative recommendations for  
11          improvement of interagency efforts to counter gray  
12          zone operations of such countries, to include an as-  
13          sessment of a national coordination node (such as a  
14          National Gray Zone Director) to analyze threats and  
15          to synchronize all the elements of national power to  
16          counter such gray zone operations.

17          (c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 180  
18          days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense en-  
19          ters into an agreement with a federally funded research  
20          and development center under subsection (a), the center  
21          shall submit to the Secretary a report on the results of  
22          the review conducted under such subsection.

23          (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

24                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
25                 the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives

1 the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall  
2 submit the report to the appropriate congressional  
3 committees.

4 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
5 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
6 propriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) congressional defense committees;

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
9 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
10 of the House of Representatives; and

11 (C) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
12 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
13 Senate.

